--- 1/16th Pound - “Series of 1897” - SNUFF - 22 x 28 mm. ---

--- RS-69A DP - recess printed GREEN die proof - with the 19 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

The Budget of **1891** raised the excise duty on *small packages* of snuff (i.e. weighing 5 pounds or less) having *over 40% moisture* from 20¢ (the **1886** excise rate) to 25¢ per pound.

The Budget of **1908**, *abolishing the moisture rating for snuff*, set a flat rate of 5¢ per pound on the product, which by then had become a relatively “small ticket” sales item. This 1/16th pound stamp did not represent an even fraction of a tax-cent. Simply put, the *excise duty* was 5¢ per sixteen 1 ounce packages sold.

★**RS-69A DP** - 1/16th pound, green die proof [F-202] on thin wove soft proof paper

★**RS-69A DP** - 1/16th pound, green die trial proof, on India paper

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★**RS-69A DP** - 1/16th pound, green, the 2½" x 3" central portion of the large 6" x 9" die proof [F–202]

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